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Ms. Real:

Thank you for your email of August 14, 2008, to Richard Greene regarding  
statements reportedly made by the CEO of TexCom concerning the toxicity  
of  
the waste water to be injected down their disposal well. We have no  
direct knowledge of this statement but, nonetheless, any such statement

does not in any way amend the strict regulatory requirements in place to ensure such wastes do not harm human health or the environment.

To address your second concern about the area of review (AOR), please be aware that wellbores (known or unknown) that fall outside the calculated zone of pressure influence are not considered a potential conduit for upward migration of fluids into underground sources of drinking water (USDWs). This is a standard practice used nationally by all UIC programs that utilize pressure influence calculations and meets federal standards.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) maintains oversight over the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TECQ), the permitting agency for the TexCom well. As part of our oversight responsibility, we review the application process for selected permits issued by TCEQ's underground injection control (UIC) program. Because of public interest, this permit has been selected for review. The review includes examination of the actions taken by the permitting program regarding the AOR.

Thank you for your email and for providing information to our staff concerning the TexCom site, as well as helping to obtain data from your neighbors concerning drinking water wells in the vicinity of the proposed TexCom injection well.

Sincerely,  
Larry Wright

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Source Water Protection Branch

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Mr. Greene,

Hello I hope this finds you doing well. I forwarded an article of The Woodlands Villager regarding the CEO or Texcom's thoughts on the proposed

injection wells planned for Montgomery County.

I would like to bring your attention to a couple statements I really have a problem with and think you should to.

1. Anything that could be considered hazardous in larger quantities would be so diluted in the water that it could safely be ingested, he said.

What? Safe to be ingested!!!....How can we feel confident in the CEO operating this type of facility yet downplays the hazards related to the wastewater that will be injected. It is not classified as a Class 1 for no reason. Must be contained in strata as to not come in contact with a UGWS yet he can say it is SAFE TO INGEST. If he really feels that way as he must since he continues to tell everyone that it is less toxic than the water coming out of our rain gutters.... May he cut corners as not feeling it is that important since you can drink it and maybe the rules are blown out of proportion?

2. As part of the application process for an injection well, TexCom was required to examine all oil well shafts that were within two miles of the well and ensure they were not at risk of leaking wastewater.

They DID NOT examine anything of the sort. They pulled records of the RRC (ONLY the ones there are records for - Many have NO records)- and they can mislead the public as to that is examining and ensuring they are not at risk of leaking the wastewater? They HAVE DONE NO TESTING ON ALL 505 wells within the 2.5 mile radius. Just the couple within their projected cone of influence like 3 of them.

I strongly feel the EPA must look into these types of things as these comments show they have no experience nor feel strongly about the importance of this waste being treated as it should be with up most importance as it could have an extreme adverse affect on Human health & environmental safety. That is why it is classified as it is. Just because it is called Non-Hazardous does not make it NOT hazardous to humans and the environment if not disposed of properly

Would you ingest it?

Thank you for your time and comments,  
Jennifer Real

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